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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

APPLICANTS: Görtler et al. CONFIRMATION NO. 9414
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TITLE: METHOD AND COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATICALLY PROCESSING STUDIES ACQUIRED BY AN IMAGING EXAMINATION SYSTEM

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application.

- AA United States Patent No. 7,082,440
- AB United States Patent No. 6,241,668
- AC United States Patent No. 5,655,084
- AT "A Distributed Architecture for Medical Instrumentation: An Electric Current Computed Tomograph," Goble et al., IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, 10th Annual Int. Conf. (1988)

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The European counterpart to Reference AA, as well as the other references identified above, was listed in an Office Action dated April 26, 2007 rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

A copy of Reference AT is submitted herewith, together with Form 1449 on which all of the references are listed.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

Should this Information Disclosure Statement cross in the mail with a first Office Action, it is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), and no fee is necessary. Accordingly, the undersigned representative of the Applicants states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), that each of the above references was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Early consideration of the application is therefore requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If appropriate
	AA	7,082,440	07/25/2006	Ogino et al.			
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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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